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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yukitoshi TAKEUCHI, et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: July 6, 2001)
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Chinese search report listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The search report was issued on April 30, 2004, in a counterpart application. A translation of the search report is also enclosed. The sole document referenced in the search report was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 26, 2003, and a copy of that document is therefore not cited or enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

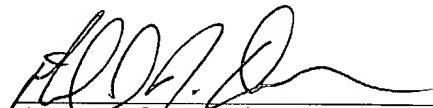
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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